

Minutes
Parks and Recreation Board
November 19, 1991

The special called meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held in the Board Room at 200 South Lamar at 6:30 p.m. Board Members present: James Crump, Albert Black, Ron Cartlidge, Phil Friday, Beverly Griffith, Neil Iscoe, Eliza May, Hayden Brooks, and Charlie Gandy. Staff present: Manuel A. Mollinedo, Carolyn Nelson, Jody Hamilton, Stuart Strong, Alicia Perez and Donna Bohls. Also present were: Council Members Gus Garcia and Bob Larson and County Commissioner Marcos de Leon.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 with Beverly Griffith presiding.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

Jeraldo de Leon - addressed the Board in support of the grant application for Dove Springs Park.

Robert Price - addressed the Board and volunteered his assistance in repairing the deteriorating walls at the Zilker Sunken Gardens. Mr. Price is an engineer with the Highway Department.

Felix Rosales, Jr. - addressed the Board regarding the lack of adequate recreation facilities in east and south Austin.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - ITEMS FOR ACTION

Approve recommendation regarding the Parks and Recreation Bond Issue items

James Crump moved and Phil Friday seconded a motion to send the following resolution to Council.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parks and Recreation Board reaffirms the necessity for the Council to address the following needs with adequate funding:

1. Barton Creek Land Acquisition/Barton Springs Protection, and
2. Additional Recreation Centers, Inner City Park Needs, Ballfields, and
3. Town Lake and Colorado River Park.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approve recommendation regarding the Comprehensive Watersheds Ordinance

Neil Iscoe withdrew this item.

NEW BUSINESS - ITEMS FOR ACTION

Approve recommendation to Council regarding selection of project (either Dick Nichols or Dove Springs) for next cycle of grant funding

The following citizens addressed the Board in support of grant funding projects.

Pat Bishop, Oak Hill Neighborhood Association - spoke in favor of the Dick Nichols Grant Application.

Gus Garcia, City Council Member - spoke in favor of rescinding the City's support for the Veloway project.

Bob Larson, City Council Member - spoke in favor of rescinding the City's support for the Veloway project. He asked that the Parks and Recreation Board make no recommendation to Council on the priority of the other grants therefore allowing them to not have to decide between neighborhoods.

Joe Munoz, SCAN - spoke in favor of the Dove Springs grant application.

Marcos de Leon, County Commissioner - spoke in favor of the Dove Springs grant application being considered in January and Dick Nichols in July.

Harley Weid, SCAN - spoke in favor of the Dove Springs grant application.

Felix Rosales, Jr. - spoke in favor of the Dove Springs grant application.

Rosie Naranjo, SCAN - spoke in favor of the Dove Springs grant application.

Gavino Fernandez, Consilio Coordinator - spoke in favor of the Dove Springs grant application.

Paul Hernandez - spoke in favor of the Dove Springs grant application.

Will Hampton, Oak Hill Business & Professional Association - spoke in favor of the Dick Nichols Park grant application.

Neil Iscoe moved and Ron Cartlidge seconded a motion to send the following resolution to the Austin City Council.

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant funding process be clarified as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, the continued failure of Circle C Development Corporation to honor its commitments on the Veloway jeopardizing all of the City's Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant applications;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Austin withdraw its participation in the Veloway project; and

Use the \$318,000 in Bikeway funds for other bike related projects; and

That whatever steps appropriate be taken to make sure that the Dove Springs Pool open in the Summer of 1993 and that the Dick Nichols Park be open at the same time or as soon as possible afterwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of construction of restrooms at the Kreig Softball Complex

Eliza May moved and James Crump seconded a motion to allow the transfer of funds from the Softball Enterprise Fund to the CIP account for construction of additional restroom facilities at the Kreig Softball Complex. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.